

## Why I Love Duxbury

*(In 1961, the Clipper ran a column called "Why I Like Duxbury," and invited residents to send in their comments. Here is one:*

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Duxbury has everything. It has seashore and country, careful zoning, good schools, efficient fire and police departments and attractive shops. The 7 churches all

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prosper. The Community Garden Club fosters pride in beautifying with growing things. The Duxbury Art Assn offers opportunity for those with creative talent to exhibit their work and to learn more about various forms of art. A bus service provides comfortable commuting and the Southeast expressway makes it possible to reach Boston in 45 minutes. This will be less when the road is completed. A busy social life or quiet solitude are both available and there is a weekly newspaper to keep you up-to-date.

But the reason I like Duxbury is more than all this. Duxbury has been an oasis for me for many years. Never once has it failed to welcome and soothe me. I love the long beach where the sun sets over the bay as the moon rises out of the ocean. I listen to the wind in the pines and the clock in the church steeple tolling the hours as it has for more than a century. I hear the surf roaring or rhythmically caressing the shore. Seagulls cry, robins carol their songs of cheer, and the air has the salty scent of the sea. Old houses stand as sturdily as when they were built in other centuries and the Duxbury Historical Society helps to keep them that way. The new houses blend in with the colonial background and give a feeling of permanence and tradition in this age of change. Add to this, familiar faces and old friends, and this is why I like Duxbury.